

BAR HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES- REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2009

ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Present were: Handel, Ocel, Weber, Wheeler, Watson and Anne K.

ITEM 2

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Haskel and Albert were excused absences.

ITEM 3

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes were accepted as presented.

ITEM 4

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with the addition of 1. Communication from Enoch 2. Communication from an Emerson teacher.

ITEM 5

OLD BUSINESS

-DARK SKIES- UPDATE ON ACADIA'S BROCHURE- Jill reports that John Kelly says Karen Zimmerman is working on ANP's draft of the brochure. We'd like to share in the process and possibly the publication of the brochure-

-SOLID WASTE- REPORTS FROM CARLA AND JILL- Carla spoke with Lee Worcester about working with Southwest Harbor transfer station to take Bar Harbor's plastics. He suggested that Bar Harbor could have a receptacle for plastics at our transfer station, which could be transported to Southwest Harbor.

-The biggest concern that was voiced at the Conservation Summit was that Bar Harbor needs to recycle all plastics.

-There was much discussion- what direction do we take to encourage/increase recycling.

-Pay as You Throw- We'd like to investigate the pros and cons of a Pay as You Throw program for Bar Harbor. Would it be cost effective? How could it work? How would it work with trash services? Jill and Chip could look at the solid waste numbers- tonage, cost, etc. We would like to discuss this with the Council.

-Our work plan says to meet with Chip to discuss solid waste issues, signage at the transfer station and to investigate Pay as You Throw program.

-Anne K. will work on getting the solid waste management video onto the website.

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NEW BUSINESS

-STAFF REPORTS- Anne K. updated us on current Town Hill mini plan status. We discussed writing a statement. Anne W. will write a draft to bring to the next meeting.

-COUNCIL UPDATE ON DECEMBER 15- Jill will represent us at the meeting with a Work Plan.

-PROMOTE COMPACT FLORESCENT BULB RECYCLING- article for paper in January? Picture with local recyclers?- Pat will look into a press release on the issue.

-EMERSON TEACHER wrote to Jill. She is interested in using Eddy Brook watershed as a water quality study area for her students. We support their efforts and the students are welcome to give us a report. She'd like to reclaim the area. How will they deal with liability?

-ENOCH has offered to coordinate the sale of the 'composters' again. Vicky as Salsbury Farm is interested in participating again in the sales of the product.

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ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- 1. Town Hill mini plan-
- 2. Solid Waste management
- 3. Florescent bulbs

ITEM 8

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Submitted by Anne Wheeler, Sect.